

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on June 23, 2002.

### **I. DISPUTE**

Whether there should be reimbursement for CPT codes 63047 and 63047-80 for date of service 06/25/02.

### **II. RATIONALE**

EOBs submitted by the requestor deny the CPT Codes 63047 and 63047-80 as "G – Unbundling 22630".

- CPT Code 63047 – Per the 1994 Global Service Data for Orthopedic Surgery pages 329 and v. this code is not considered global. Per the operative report this CPT code is the primary procedure code and supports delivery of service. Reimbursement in the amount of \$3,540.00 is recommended.
- CPT Code 63047-80 – Per the 1994 Global Service Data for Orthopedic Surgery pages 329 and v. this code is not considered global. Per the operative report this CPT code is the primary procedure code. Per the modifier used documentation shall substantiate the attendance of the assistant surgeon 70% of the time during the performance of one operative session and the reimbursement shall be 25% of the listed MAR of the surgical procedure. The submitted operative report does not document that the assistant surgeon was in attendance 70% of the time during the operative session. Reimbursement is not recommended.

### **III. DECISION & ORDER**

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor is entitled to reimbursement for CPT code 63047 in the amount of \$3,540.00. Pursuant to Sections 402.042, 413.016, 413.031, and 413.019 the Division hereby ORDERS the Respondent to remit **\$3,540.00** plus all accrued interest due at the time of payment to the Requestor within 20 days receipt of this Order.

The above Findings, Decision and Order are hereby issued this 05th day of March 2004.

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